GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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QUALITY OF DD PROGRAMMES
JAIBHAN SINGH PAWAIYA;SHEELA GAUTAM;SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding telecasting of poor quality of Doordarshan programmes during 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to ban telecasting of obscene films and programmes on all the channels of Doordarshan; and

(d) if so, the time by which the said ban is likely to be imposed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) and (b): Prasar Bharati has intimated that complaints about quality of programmes are received from time to time and these are attended to promptly. Improvement in quality of programmes is a continuous process and Doordarshan is making all efforts in this regard.

(c) and (d) : Prasar Bharati have intimated that Doordarshan strictly follows its broadcastcode, which prohibits telecast of obscene programmes.